

WASHINGTON METROPOLITAN AREA TRANSIT COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, D.C.

ORDER NO. 2602

IN THE MATTER OF:

Served September 11, 1984

Application of SUGGS TRANSPORTATION SERVICE, INC., for Special Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity No. 1 to Conduct Charter Operations Pursuant to Contract with U.S. Department of Interior, National Park Service)

Case No. CP-84-06

By application filed September 6, 1984, Suggs Transportation Service, Inc. ("Suggs" or "applicant"), seeks authority to conduct charter operations pursuant to WMATC Special Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity No. 1 under contract with the United States Department of Interior, National Park Service, transporting federal employees as follows: 1. between 1100 L Street, N.W., Washington, D.C., on the one hand, and, on the other, 18th and K Streets, N.W., Washington, D.C., 2. between points in the Metropolitan District. 1/

By its terms, the contract extends from October 1, 1984, through September 30, 1985. The service between L and K Streets will be a shuttle operating Monday through Friday, excluding federal holidays, between 7:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. The rate for this service is \$3,088 per month. Other charter service within the Metropolitan District will be provided on an as-needed basis at a rate of \$18.40 per hour. The contract provides for 96 hours of general charter work of this kind. Applicant will provide the proposed service using two 1983 coaches each having a seating capacity of thirty-five.

Applicant is experienced in providing employee shuttle transportation. With its application, Suggs submitted a statement indicating that it is familiar with the Commission's rules and regulations and will comply therewith, that applicant has not been found unfit by any regulatory agency, and that it is not under any fitness investigation.

Applicant's balance sheet, dated December 31, 1983, indicates current assests of \$326,056, plus fixed and other assets of \$240,173

1/ The contract described this service as including any points within a 30 mile radius of the White House.

and prepaid expenses of \$71,994. Current liabilities are listed at \$242,812, plus long-term and other liabilities of \$105,970. Equity and retained earnings are listed at \$307,441. Applicant projects revenues of \$38,819 from service provided under the National Park Service contract with concomitant expenses of \$32,558, an operating ratio of 85 percent.

John P. Thomas, contracting officer for the Department of the Interior, National Park Service, submitted a notarized letter in support of the application stating that 80-100 government employees per day require the service for which it has contracted with applicant. The letter further states that applicant's qualifications have been investigated and the National Park Service is satisfied that applicant is capable to perform the proposed service properly.

Inasmuch as a contract has been executed for the transportation of employees pursuant to contract with an employer between points within the Metropolitan District for a period in excess of 181 days, the application appears amenable to processing under Commission Regulation No. 70. 2/ Consequently, notice of this application must be published and opportunity given for the filing of protests. Protests, if any, must be written, sworn and notarized, and must contain all evidence and argument upon which the protestant would rely.


THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED:

1. That Suggs Transportation Service, Inc., publish once in a newspaper of general circulation in the Metropolitan District notice of this application in the form prescribed by the staff of the Commission no later than Tuesday, September 18, 1984.

2. That applicant shall file an affidavit of such publication with the Commission no later than Tuesday, September 25, 1984.

3. That any person desiring to protest this application shall file a notarized protest in conformance with Commission Regulation No. 70-06 at the office of the Commission, Suite 316, 1625 I Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20006, no later than Friday, September 28, 1984, and shall simultaneously serve a copy of such protest on applicant, Harold Suggs, President, Suggs Transportation Service, Inc., 9015 Woodyard Road, Suite 207, Clinton, MD 20735.

FOR THE COMMISSION:


WILLIAM H. MCGILVERY
Executive Director

2/ See Order No. 2004, served June 20, 1979.